

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/689,340

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Patent Application filed October 20, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 07/29/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 12012005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


Gregory J. Tooley, Jr.
Supervisory Patent Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on June 29, 2004 has been fully considered by the examiner.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney R. Israelsen (RN 42685) on December 2, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In regards to claim 1, line 6, the phrase --a plurality of supports comprising-- should be inserted at the very beginning of the line.

In regards to claim 9, line 12, the phrase "a laser system that is configured change the dimensions any of the at least two supports" should be replaced with —a laser system that is configured to change the dimensions of any of the at least two supports--.

Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-26 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 1 and 9, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious the use of supports to laterally divide two interferometers.

As to claims 17 and 22, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious the method of selectively applying a laser beam to a heat a support to calibrate an optical interleaver.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Pertinent Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art made of record is Scobey, et al. (USPN 6,658,172)

Scobey et al. teaches an optical system utilizing multiple Fabry-Perot etalons held together by a coupling device, such as a sleeve or rigid jacket, the etalons being spaced apart laterally aligned by the coupling device. Applicant teaches the use of supports positioned between the two lateral portions of a laterally divided housing containing the interferometers. It is understood that the device of Scobey does not disclose the claimed invention because the coupling device is located outside the Fabry-Perot etalons (i.e. interferometers), as opposed to in between the housings holding the interferometers. Applicant's disclosure utilizes the supports in this way to calibrate the device using a laser-bending calibration technique.

Conclusion

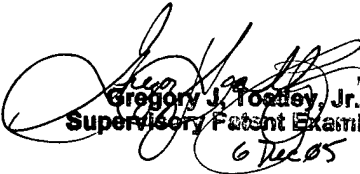
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marissa J. Detschel whose telephone number is 571-272-2716. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-2059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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